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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Claims 1-57 and 73-87 are currently pending in the present application. In the office action mailed January 15, 2004 (the "Office Action"), claims 1-57 and 73-87 were rejected as being based upon a defective reissue declaration under 35 U.S.C. 251.

A Supplemental Reissue Declaration addressing the defects identified by the Examiner has been included with this response. The Supplemental Reissue Declaration contains a statement that "[e]very error in the patent which was corrected in the present reissue application . . . arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicants." Additionally, the Supplemental Reissue Declaration makes references to the "amendments" in which the new claims were added, rather than "the enclosed preliminary amendment."

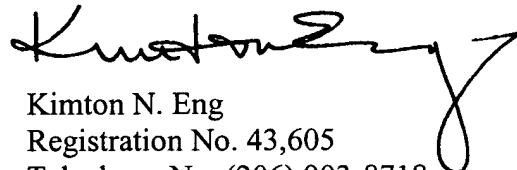
Moreover, the Supplemental Reissue Declaration states that the original patent 6,026,496 was partly inoperative by reason of the patentees claiming less than they had a right to

claim, and that the "independent claims have been newly drafted to provide varying scopes of protection for aspects of the present invention and thereby provide a hedge against any of the original claims being found invalid." The Supplemental Reissue Declaration further states that the originally issued claims of the patent 6,026,496 does not include an independent claim reciting the combination of limitations as recited in the added claims. Consequently, the added claims correct errors identified in the Supplemental Reissue Declaration.

All of the claims pending in the present application are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and a timely Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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